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(Attorney Docket No. 20218US02)**

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Yi-Hsien Hao et al.

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REQUEST FOR REFUND
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I SUBMISSION OF SMALL ENTITY ASSERTION

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2416Examiner
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Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the examiner.

The fee for this Notice of Appeal is (37 CFR 41.20(b)(1))

\$ 540

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee shown above is reduced by half, and the resulting fee is: \$ _____

A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.

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